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# Primary School Choir Festival

On Friday 29th January, three coaches carried choirs from eight local Primary schools to Blackwater Integrated College for the inaugural Blackwater Primary Choir Festival. The excitement of the pupils was tangible as each choir in turn organised themselves for their performance on stage. The choirs were welcomed by Blackwater Principal Dr. O. Griffith and the Festival commenced.

The children from the primary schools who entered were excellent unique in the delivery of a wide variety of songs and a credit to their schools. The one thing everyone had in common being their smiling faces and clear enthusiasm in taking part; all who attended were caught up in the wonderful happy atmosphere as we took part in an exciting morning.

**June Wilkinson (Chair of Board of Governors)**



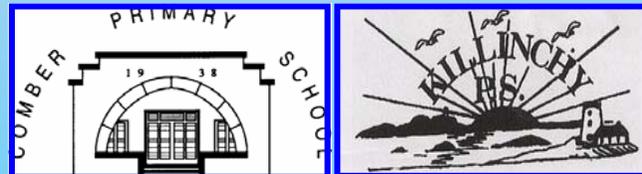
**Killyleagh Primary School**



In the first half of the programme we had three different performances from Ballykeigle PS, Carrickmannon PS & Comber PS which set a very high standard. After a well deserved break the second half had entertaining and diverse choral performances from Killinchy PS, Killyleagh PS, Millennium IPS & Moneyrea PS. We had heard Russian, traditional Zulu, Irish and modern pieces throughout the morning and the judging panel had great difficulty in deciding the recipients of the inaugural Curley Awards.



We arrived at the College and were welcomed by lot of smiley children busily fixing their very smart uniforms. The Blackwater pupils, who gave up their day off to come in and help out were a credit to themselves and their school.



Most importantly the children had a fantastic time and really gave it their all - it was lovely to watch. It was encouraging to see so many feeder Primary Schools in attendance.

**Suzie Smyth (IEF)**

Each school received their partnership plaque, each choir member received their own award and finally the Curley Awards were made to Ballykeigle, Comber, Killinchy & Moneyrea Primary Schools.



"We were delighted to attend the Primary Choir Festival at Blackwater Integrated College and thoroughly enjoyed the day."

**Sandra Campbell (Ballykeigle P.S.)**

The first Blackwater Primary Choir Festival had ended and the choirs left as they arrived excited and in big yellow coaches!

"There was a brilliant atmosphere and it was really fun. I was really happy when we won - I think we came 1st!!"

**Chris Ballykeigle P.S.**

I had a great morning and thanks to you and everyone involved for making the festival such a success. I would be only too delighted to return again next year.

**Keith Burnside.**



"I was really nervous—but it was great fun!"

**Emma Ballykeigle P.S.**